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Applicant(s): Seishi EJIRI

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For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §.1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 4) dated October 27, 2003,

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.